

for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Harwood, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, and others, praying that a sum of money may be assessed on the assessable property of Anne-Arundel county for the purpose of keeping in repair the public highway leading by Mrs. Urquhart's tavern to the city of Annapolis, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and your committee are of opinion that the levy court of said county are vested with sufficient powers for the purpose of keeping the said highway in repair; they are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted. All which is submitted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and concurred with.

Mr. Brogden, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Gassaway Watkins, of Anne-Arundel county, have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of his petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted, and recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That this state extend to Gassaway Watkins the time for paying the balance he owes to this state, viz. that no process shall issue against the said Gassaway Watkins, or his securities, provided he or they pay to the state the whole interest, and one half of his debt to the state, on or before the first day of November, eighteen hundred, and the other half, with interest, on or before the tenth day of November, eighteen hundred and one, and all costs that have accrued, if any.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ayres, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Adams, of Harford county, have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Swearingen, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions of Charles Nisbett and Catharine Chambers, of Montgomery county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, praying an act may pass for establishing the Morgan-town road a public road, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Beall, Mr. Rice and Mr. Perry, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the letter from the governor of Virginia to the governor of this state, upon the subject of erecting a hospital on Craney Island in the river Patowmack, report, that in their opinion a joint hospital by the two states is not required by any existing circumstances within the knowledge of the committee, and that from the best information they have been able at present to obtain, Craney Island would at any time be a very ineligible situation for such an institution. Which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1799.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE office of register of wills in Kent county being vacant, by the resignation of John Nicholson, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to go into an election to fill the vacancy on to-morrow. We have appointed Mr. Taney and Mr. Cottman to join such gentlemen as you may appoint to examine the ballots. Messieurs Richard Barroll and Simon Wilmer are put in nomination by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill respecting the public roads in Washington county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 11, 1799: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favour of Tristram, Martin and Abner Parrott, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1799: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The resolution in favour of William A. Needham, endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

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